

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

1. Election.

The Examiner has determined that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct inventions. Accordingly, election has been required. In response, the Applicant elects Invention I, Claims 1-9 and 12-20, drawn to a fuel cell assembly. Claims 10-11 and 21 have been cancelled.

2. Power of attorney.

In addition, the Applicant submits herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and New Power of Attorney, along with a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Notwithstanding the amendments made and accompanying traversing remarks provided above, Applicants have made these amendments in order to expedite allowance of the currently pending subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original scope of these claims in the future, such as through continuation practice, for example.

In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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